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Dr. Meredith F. Burrill
Executive Secretary
Board on Geographic Names
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Burrill:

May I suggest that it would be in order to note the information below at our next Board meeting in July.

CIA records show that an initial transfer of \$5,000 was made to the Office of Geography, Department of Interior, in 1947. This was the beginning of the NIS Gazetteer Program as we know it today.

At the present time, some 20 years later, we have gazetteers on 126 areas of the world, approximately 80 of which have undergone revision. Total geographic name coverage is slightly over 4,100,000.

It might be of interest to note that during this period the CIA, on behalf of the NIS Program, allocated the following monies to gazetteer production:

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*Since 1955, the printing cost includes 350 copies for a Public Edition.

I request that the Minutes of our meeting merely note the fact that the Executive Secretary has this letter in file rather than recording the facts therein.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Dr. Percy, State Dept.

CIA Member
Board on Geographic Names

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